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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING A THERMOSET-CONTAINING
DIELECTRIC MATERIAL AND METHODS FOR FABRICATING THE SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 29, 31, 39, 42, and 46-48. Please add new claims 51-57. Please amend claims 23 and 41. The claims are as follows:

1-22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently amended) A method for forming a device, comprising the following steps:

providing a fluoropolymer matrix having particles therein;

coating a thermosetting resin on the fluoropolymer matrix, wherein the thermosetting resin includes a contrasting dye;

processing the fluoropolymer matrix with the resin coated thereon such that material from the resin impregnates the fluoropolymer matrix, leaving a remaining layer of resin on a surface of